

GOD'S MASTERPIECE

And the king said to her, "What is it, Queen Esther?
What is your request?
It shall be given to you, even to half of the kingdom."

Esther 5:1-13
(ESV)

LESSON 6

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WAITING ON GOD

A. What happens when we wait on God?

"But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles;
they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint."

Isaiah 40:31

1. God **works** on **others** that are involved.
2. We **gain** new **strength**.
3. We **gain** new **perspective**.
4. We **store** up **energy** for the **battle**.
5. We **strengthen** our **resolve**.

B. How do we wait on God?

"Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;
for His grace and power are such none can ever ask too much."

John Newton

1. Getting the **right focus**
2. Getting on with **life**
3. Gaining an **optimistic perspective**

HOW DOES ESTHER APPROACH THE KING?

"The walk of faith is designed to be a walk of
adventure, filled with periodic and delightful surprises....
With Esther, her walk with God was an exciting adventure."

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- A. With **patience**
- B. With **restraint**
- C. With **wisdom**
- D. With **peace** not **panic**
- E. With **singleness** of **purpose**

HOW DOES THE KING RESPOND?

- A. He is **pleased**.
- B. He **extends grace**.
 - 1. How does this **relate** to **God**?
 - 2. How should we **approach** God?
 - a. With **humility**
 - b. With **confidence**
 - c. With familiarity through **relationship**

WHAT DO WE SEE IN HAMAN?

- A. He was **self-centered**.
- B. He was **arrogant**.
- C. He was never **satisfied**.
- D. He was totally **consumed** with one **issue**.

IN SUMMARY...

"Give us a calm and quiet confidence that all things are in Your Hands, and therefore under control. Help us to wait patiently for You to work."

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